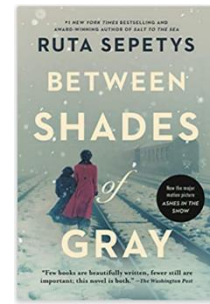


2024 Summer Reading Assignment, 9th Grade - 92 Literature and Composition

Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
Annotation Instructions
(*The full-text novel, not the graphic novel)



As you read *Ruta Sepetys's *Between Shades of Gray*, annotate (make notes) in the margins relating to the information listed below.

Throughout the novel, make sure you have made notes about the following where applicable. You should try to annotate every chapter.

- 1. Characterization:** write descriptors for major characters in the margins as you encounter key details regarding his/her actions, thoughts/feelings, words, descriptions, etc.
- 2. Plot:** Mark for key moments of character growth/moments when he/she changes or demonstrates new understanding. Write notes in the margins about the significance of these moments.
- 3. Setting:** Circle key details about setting—where are the characters at any given point in the story? When does the story take place in history? How does the setting or changes in setting affect the plot when used as a backdrop to the action? When you encounter changes in setting, make a note of it.
- 4. Connections:** As the story progresses, make notes in the margins that reflect key developments, such as how taking risks might just be worth it, or taking necessary steps in order to survive can push people beyond what they thought possible, or other important discoveries you notice in terms of character, plot, and conflict.

Your annotations will serve as the basis for a **writing assignment** for the first week of school as well as a way to review for the **test over the book** during the first week of school. Please have your books with annotations completed for the first day of school and bring to class.

***Note: If you are using a digital copy (on a Kindle, for example), you will need to track your ideas on paper. Please use this chart below and bring to class on Day 1. You will **not** have access to your phone during class. You can copy and paste this chart and type into it OR you can handwrite.*

Chapter Number	Setting	Characterization	Plot	Connections between protagonists